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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 1-15 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/3-3/3 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

## 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-15	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO

## 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. In the present report, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO 99/22430 A (DANNENBERG PATRICK; TAPPAT ENGINEERING PTY LIMITED (AU)) 6 May 1999 (1999-05-06);

D2: US 2 709 795 A (WILLIAMS CARL E) 31 May 1955 (1955-05-31).

2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not fulfil the requirements set forth in PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step as defined in PCT Article 33(3).

Document D1 describes (the references between parentheses apply to said document):

an electrical connection device for supplying electrical power, comprising a coupling jaw

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(41) and also an electrical connection part (44) consisting of a flexible body of which one end is connected to said jaw and the opposite end is free.

2.2 It follows that the subject matter of claim 1 differs from this known device in that the electrical connection part does not have a protective sleeve.

2.3 However, the feature whereby the connection part has "no protective sleeve" can be considered to be merely one of a plurality of obvious options that a person skilled in the art might select, depending on each particular case, and without an inventive step being involved.

### 3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Dependent claims 2-15 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, might define subject matter that fulfils the PCT requirement of inventive step, for the following reasons:

3.1 Claim 2: the feature in said claim is merely one of a plurality of obvious options that a person skilled in the art seeking to solve the stated problem might select, depending on each particular case, and without an inventive step being involved.

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3.2	Claims 3-6: document D1 describes the features in claims 3 to 6.
3.3	Claims 7-15: these features have already been used for the same purpose in a similar system for supplying electrical power (see D2 and D3 with regard to claims 14 and 15). It would be obvious for a person skilled in the art to use these features with a corresponding effect in a system as per document D1 and thereby arrive at a system as per claims 7 to 15.
4.	The invention relates to an electrical connection device and, as such, is industrially applicable.